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DISCONTENT

Ambitious minds and discontented hearts
Oft seek, in other climes, unwonted joys,
For distance doth enchant and so imparts
A hope of happiness without alloy.

The far-off mirage is most fair to view,
The foliage is greenest from away,
The stars are bright when set in heaven's blue
And some have visions of a coming day.

Another's lot is more to be approved,
Another's fame is what they would desire;
To write their page, the mind has not been moved;
Their song has not been tuned to fit the lyre.

Within this mood they lived and dreamed so long
They now feel bound unto the wheel of fate
By cord unbreakable or sinewy thong
Which strangled love and turned it into hate.

Had they but wiser been to nature's call
And read the law as written on the page
They there had seen that grief must come to all,
Home or abroad, to youth and hoary age.

Things are found sweet by contact with the tart,
The rain-bow brightest when the shower is past;
Dearest the love from which we fear to part,
Richer the home where we return at last.

The joys we wish are just within our reach;
Good things of earth abound beneath our feet;
Blessings, they are, to crown the head of each
But in the mind content must find a seat.

Look not away for all the things of life,
Gird on the Will to make the best your own
Of what you meet with in your daily strife
For harvest comes from all that we have sown.

—EDWARD W. CRANNELL.

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THIS ISSUE While there are members of the fraternity throughout the Massachusetts jurisdiction who have a more or less intimate knowledge of those two splendid charities which are supported by funds made possible by their contributions—the Home at Charlton, and the Hospital known as Juniper Hall in Worcester, there are many to whom these institutions are somewhat nebulous.

With the idea of presenting a more comprehensive outline of the breadth of these charities and the scope of their activities, as well as to visualize in graphic form their attractiveness and utility, the CRAFTSMAN takes pleasure in presenting to its readers in the pages following a more intimate picture than any heretofore published in the hope that a greater number of men may be prompted to visit and see for themselves just what is being done at these splendid institutions: how the fraternity in Massachusetts, while making no boast of it, is caring for its less fortunate brethren, and more than this, to stimulate a greater response to the appeal of the grand master to contribute liberally to their support.

No attempt has been made to write a eulogistic account of the two projects, but rather extracts from the proceedings together with the illustrations used have been printed which will serve to give a semi-official character to the narrative of a most meritorious Masonic charity in which members in this jurisdiction may justly take pride.

SUCCOR There is abundant evidence that unemployment is a paramount problem in this country at the present time, and relief a most important duty. Lack of foresight and the absence of any definite administrative machinery for the handling of such emergencies, however, has brought about a somewhat chaotic condition. Necessarily, therefore, any corrective measures are apt to be experimental and costly.

In the United States, which has been sailing along merrily on the crest of a wave of prosperity during recent years, scant attention has been accorded to the inevitable economic reaction following a business debauch, and the "big head" of the morning after is particularly painful at the present time. Like the prodigal son who spent his substance in riotous living, some of our citizens have been reduced to the husks and the taste is extremely bitter.

Whether the lessons of the past year will sink in is a debatable question. Being confronted now with a fact and not a theory, however, it remains for the Masonic fraternity to demonstrate its ability to not only take care of its own, but to assist in the wider field outside in the matter of succor to the distressed.

That there are evidences of intelligent handling of

this matter within the fraternity is to its credit, and while perhaps it is not the part of this publication to parade the virtues of Masonry in this direction, it is a source of satisfaction none the less to know that the Craft is rising to its opportunities.

AN EXPERIMENT Probably not one in ten Masons take or read a Masonic magazine, which is about the proportion attending lodge meetings. That this is so is perhaps because of ignorance of their existence or indifference to any further knowledge of the Craft than these men received when the degrees were taken.

It is a condition to be deplored. Vital things are happening around us every day. Freemasonry and the lives of its millions of members are indissolubly linked up with the affairs of the world. That part of the news of the day in which the brotherhood is interested is pretty faithfully portrayed in a number of really worthy Masonic periodicals. Efforts to enlighten the Craft are met with an appreciation on the part of some, but unfortunately an all too small proportion of the whole membership.

To remove at least one objection which may have been made in the past, a lack of unanimity, it is proposed to print each month in a group of representative publications a symposium of editorial views by the editors of publications representative of the East, Middle West and West of the United States on subjects of vital interest to the Craft.

The several articles in preparation will appear as nearly as possible simultaneously in *The Masonic World*, of San Francisco, California; *The Masonic Chronicler* of Chicago; *The Masonic Tidings* of Milwaukee, and the NEW ENGLAND MASONIC CRAFTSMAN.

It is safe to say that these article alone will more than repay any reader of either of these publications for the small annual subscription charged. If they serve to stimulate Masonic thought, they will have accomplished their purpose.

Not the least significant factor in the present administration of Grand Lodge affairs in Massachusetts is the fine business judgment of Grand Master Dean. A review of his work to date is convincing evidence of the fact that his trained business mind has been of invaluable service to the Craft. With the large affairs of the fraternity in the jurisdiction efficiently handled it has been possible not only to increase the guests at the Home but also effect a saving in the budget.

It is pleasing to welcome back to his desk in Masonic Temple, Boston, Wor. Frank Hilton, who has been obliged to relax in the country for a few weeks.

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MASONIC CRAFTSMAN

Two Massachusetts Charities

The Masonic Home at Charlton and Juniper Hall—The Hospital at Worcester

An Illustrated Review and a History

A SYNOPSIS OF THE HOME AT CHARLTON

About 1888 Most Worshipful Brother Samuel C. Lawrence started a movement towards the securing of a Home for Aged Masons and their dependents, and in 1907, under the direction of Most Worshipful John Albert Blake, a committee was appointed to consult the brethren throughout the state as to the feasibility and practicability of establishing a Masonic Home. The committee reported that the general opinion appeared to be that it was time definite steps and action be taken to secure a suitable home. In 1908 the property known as "Overlook" in Charlton, consisting of about 400 acres on the Main Highway from Worcester to Southbridge and Springfield was purchased. Splendidly situated with magnificent views on one of the highest points in the state, it was particularly adapted to our needs. The building was remodeled, rooms furnished, and in October, 1911, was dedicated as the Masonic Home by the grand master, Most Worshipful Dana J. Flanders. It was but a short period of time from the opening of the home before the accommodations were unequal to its needs. Through the generosity of Brother William H. Williams it was possible to erect an additional building with 50 rooms and a hospital ward. This building, known as the Williams Memorial, was dedicated by Most Wor. Dudley H. Ferrall during his administration in October, 1924. The building is connected with the original by a spacious solarium. Most Wor. Frank Leslie Simpson, Grand Master, laid the corner stone of another building, the gift of the Brother Orlando Davenport and his widow. This building contains more than 50 rooms and an auditorium capable of seating 200 persons. This addition connected by means of a second story solarium, and known as the Davenport Memorial, was dedicated in May, 1929, by Most Wor. Herbert W. Dean, Grand Master.

The laundry is equipped with up-to-date machinery, and in connection with the laundry is a power plant for providing heat for the home. The Auditorium in the Davenport Memorial has a stage that may be arranged for the conferring of degrees, or any form of entertainment, so that many lodges make annual trips to the home and provide entertainment for the residents.

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The water supply comprises two deep driven wells and three dug wells, and is pumped into a cistern of 127,000-gallon capacity. From this cistern it is distributed to three aerial tanks of 3,500, 26,000 and 31,000 capacity, thus furnishing an ample supply and sufficient pressure for domestic use and fire protection.

The barn has ample space for the stock, hay and grain storage rooms with the machinery under cover in the left wing. In the barn is the cow stable with 26 stalls for the cattle and four box stalls for calves, and is one of the most complete and sani-

tary cow stables in the Commonwealth.

[Since this was written fire has destroyed the barn at the home, but the building is being replaced by a modern fireproof structure.]—ED.

One of the herd of Ayrshires is "Woronoake-Hollyhock", the World Champion junior four-year-old recently awarded the silver cup and medal, after having finished a test of 305 days conducted by the Massachusetts Experimental Station.

The dairy is complete in sanitary arrangements, with floor and side walls of tile and plate glass windows. It is equipped with the latest apparatus for cooling and storing milk, and its standard is high among the dairies in New England.

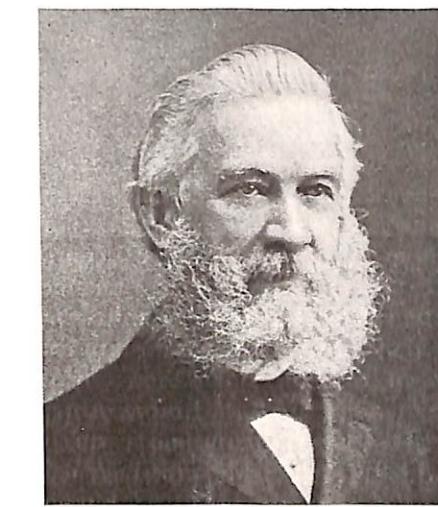
There are many flower beds around the home, and from the broad piazza spread wonderful views of the surrounding country.

The home is 14 miles from Worcester, easy to reach in your own car, or by bus from Worcester, and visitors are welcome. Last year 6,631 visitors registered.

THE MASONIC HOME AND JUNIPER HALL

A number of years ago some distinguished Masons from England were in Boston and visited the Masonic Temple. They were met by Rt. Wor. Brother Sereno D. Nickerson, the Grand Secretary, and conducted through the several apartments. When they returned to the grand secretary's office they commented on the beauty and convenience of the apartments of the temple, and then said. "We would like to see your charities." When asked, "What charities?", they replied, "Your homes for orphans, your home for aged Masonic couples, and your home for aged Masons." Alas! there were no such homes. The charity activities of the Craft had been largely confined to the quiet, unobtrusive help given by the particular lodges to the brethren in need.

About 1888 M. W. Brother Samuel C. Lawrence, who had successfully guided the fraternity in the liquidation of great indebtedness incident to rebuilding the burned temple in Boston, initiated a movement for securing a home for aged, indigent members of the Masonic family. This movement was continued and



Gen. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33d

ical attendance. In the solaria are radios and phonographs for their enjoyment, the men's smoking room having a radio that is in almost constant use from morning till night.

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Signing the Agreement for the Purchase of the Masonic Home at Charlton

strengthened by the succeeding grand masters, especially by M. W. Brother Richard Briggs, who in 1892 made an appeal to the grand lodge to establish a home, saying, among other things, "It may require time to accomplish it, but let us press on wisely and perseveringly, and a monument to Masonic charity will be erected which will honor the brotherhood."

During the years 1906, 1907 and 1908 M. W. John Albert Blake was grand master. In June, 1907, at the suggestion of the grand master, a committee of 15 was appointed with power to add to their number. It was the function of this committee to consult the brethren throughout the Commonwealth concerning the possibility and feasibility of establishing a Masonic home. The report of this committee disclosed a general consensus of opinion that the time had come to take definite steps to secure such a home.

In 1908 the Overlook property, located in the town of Charlton, came into the market. This property, consisting approximately of 400 acres of land, on one of the highest points in the state, and lying on the main highway from Worces-

ter through Southbridge to Springfield, was purchased. The large building, ideally situated, and commanding magnificent views, was remodeled, the rooms furnished, and in October, 1911, it was dedicated as the Masonic Home by the grand lodge, M. W. Dana J. Flanders being the grand master.

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Dedication of the Masonic Home at Charlton, Massachusetts



Juniper Hall—Massachusetts Masonic Hospital

front of the Overlook Home, is connected with the original building by a spacious solarium.

In June, 1928, M. W. Frank L. Simpson, the grand master, laid the corner stone of another building. This new structure was the munificent gift of Brother Orlando Davenport and his widow. It contains more than 50 rooms, and has an auditorium seating more than 200 persons. The front of this building is at an angle with other two buildings and is connected with them by means of a second story solarium. This addition was dedicated as the Davenport Memorial, May, 1929, the M. W. Herbert W. Dean being grand master.

Hospital

At the annual communication held in December, 1927, the grand lodge accepted the gift tendered by Mrs. Gertrude Clarke Whittall of her beautiful estate, Juniper Hall, located in the town of Shrewsbury. It was the expressed desire of the donor that the estate should be devoted to use as a hospital, if the fraternity found it possible and feasible to administer it for this purpose.

At Mrs. Whittall's request, ceremonies were held on Memorial Day, last, at which the keys were presented to the grand lodge by the donor, and the residence building was

main building has been added an addition, in complete architectural harmony, containing from 50 to 60 rooms furnished with the latest and most approved hospital appliances. This was opened for patients in October, 1929.

Excerpts From Grand Lodge Proceedings

dedicated as a hospital, in memory of Brother Whittall, according to our ancient rites. Right Worshipful Brother Whittall was raised a master Mason in Montacute Lodge of Worcester in 1880. He became a member of all the bodies of both the York and Scottish Rites. He was a charter member of Isaiah Thomas Lodge of Worcester, and became its first senior warden. At the time of his death in 1922 he was its Worshipful master. He was elected a director of the grand lodge in 1915, and served in that capacity up to the time of his death. His position as director of the grand lodge was an honor which he highly cherished, and was one in which he rendered rich and serviceable assistance to the fraternity. He was crowned an honorary member of the supreme coun-

cil, thirty-third degree, ancient and accepted Scottish Rite of the northern jurisdiction, in September, 1922, just shortly prior to his death. He was a man who to a remarkable degree won and retained the respect and affection of all who knew him. As truthfully described on the bronze tablet erected at Juniper Hall in his



Dudley H. Ferrell, P.G.M.

memory, Brother Whittall was "a man whose heart was ever full of love for his fellow men." To him this hospital is a fitting memorial.

The estate comprises approximately 85 acres, fronting on Pleasant Street, Shrewsbury, beautifully improved with shrubs, flowers and plants. The residence is a Georgian type of mansion, with four large sleeping rooms, which, with other rooms, afford a capacity of ten or twelve beds. There is a garage, with two six-room apartments,—one on each side of the garage, and forming part of the same building. The main house was conveyed to the grand lodge complete furnished, and since transferring the property to the fraternity, Mrs. Whittall has

directed operation of the hospital. A minimum personnel has been established under the direction of a superintending matron, and on June 29th, three patients were transferred from the Masonic Home at Charlton to the Masonic Hospital at Shrewsbury, on the certificate of the attending physician of the home that these patients required immediate hospitalization.

Realizing that the facilities would not be adequate to the probable demands, the grand lodge also voted to authorize the construction and equipment of an additional wing, to join the northerly wing of the present house, and with proposed capacity of approximately 55 beds.

This capacity ought to be suffi-

cient for a number of years to come if we confine our enterprise to chronic and incurable cases, and convalescents, for whom there are no adequate accommodations in existing hospitals. I feel assured that it is the general sentiment of the Craft that our activity be confined to such cases, and that admission to the hospital be determined by the board of relief, largely composed of members chosen by the worshipful masters and by the lodges, and therefore representative of the Craft.

It is proposed that admission to the hospital be upon terms similar to those which now govern admissions to the Masonic Home at Charlton,—that is to say, upon application by the lodge of the distressed brother, the charge or expense for care of patients in the hospital to be a charge upon the general funds or income of the grand lodge, and not upon the lodge to which the patient belongs.

The cost of the proposed addition to the hospital will be approximately \$200,000, equipped, and the grand lodge at the communication held June 13th, appropriated toward this cost the sum of \$100,000,—substantially all of its balance of current funds. It also voted that it was the sense of the grand lodge that the remaining part of the cost should be raised by subscription; that the action of the grand lodge be reported to the lodges of the Commonwealth; and that the lodges and brethren therein be given opportunity to take such part in the subscription as to them might seem proper, so that the funds necessary would be raised by a popular subscription. The whole amount which the commitment requires is less, by a substantial sum, than the value of the property which Mrs. Whittall has given to the fraternity by conveyances which impose no conditions other than a trust to use the property "for the relief of distressed Masons and their dependents." The balance of cost will be about \$100,000, and I hope that an endowment fund of at least \$50,000 will be also raised at this time,—that is to say, that at least \$150,000 be raised in this subscription.

It has been the dream of the Craft for years to have a hospital in which we might care for distressed brethren and their dependents who suffer from disease and for whom adequate hos-

pitalization facilities do not exist. There is no call which is made upon us which comes with greater insistence than that of relieving the suffering of our brethren and their dependents who cannot be cared for in



Orlando Henry Davenport

existing institutions. Indeed, there is no call which gives greater satisfaction to heed than the need of those who are suffering from disease and who turn naturally and with hope and expectancy to this great fraternity. Through the liberality of Mrs. Whittall the realization of this dream has been made possible.

It is confidently believed that the brethren will gladly welcome the op-

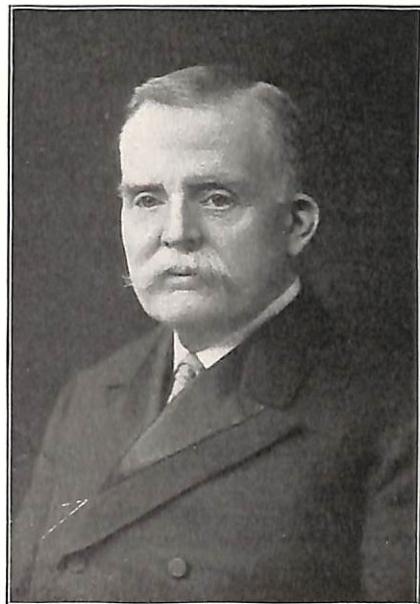
portunity to share in the happiness of providing the means for caring for those who suffer and of supplementing the equipment which the donor has given to the Craft with the utmost confidence in its benevolent spirit, so that none of our brethren or of those who are dependent upon them shall want that tender solicitude and care which may ease the bed of pain and agony.

I hesitate to speak of the amount which a lodge and its members might contribute, lest such a suggestion be thought obtrusive or be conceived to be in the nature of an appeal or of an assessment. Nothing of the sort is contemplated. The facts and the situation present a challenge to contribute as liberally as we can to relieve the distress of a brother Mason, his widow and dependents; and if each of us contributes to the accomplishment of this project the amount which he feels that he would like to give and which is within his financial object will be attained.

This letter is sent to you to inform you of the opening of the hospital, of the facts relating to it, and to the proposed addition, the construction of which was authorized by the grand lodge at the June communication of this year.

It is confidently hoped that every

brother of our Craft in Massachusetts will contribute of his own accord and within his means to the accomplishment of this noble object,—at once as worthy as it is truly Masonic.



Most Wor. Dana J. Flanders, P. G. M.

Contributions may be made through the contributor's lodge, or may be sent to me at Masonic Temple, Boston, Mass.; in the latter case, checks should be made payable to Charles H. Ramsay, grand treas-



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Some Officers of Grand Lodge at Masonic Home, Charlton

urer. Such contributions will be duly acknowledged and accredited to the contributor's lodge.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK LESLIE SIMPSON,
Grand Master of Masons.
in Massachusetts.

Masonic Temple,
51 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass.

MASONIC HOME

AND HOSPITAL

At the quarterly meeting of grand lodge on March 12th, 1930, M. W. Herbert W. Dean, grand master, among other things, said:

It is with a feeling of satisfaction and relief that I come to you to-day with the statement that all construction at the home and hospital is complete, and all bills are paid.

At the completion of this building program, which has extended over a period of two years and during which we have expended in repairs, alterations, and new construction \$508,000, we have cause for just pride.

We have a home and a hospital that cannot be duplicated. They are entirely different from the usual type—different in surroundings, different in construction, different in atmosphere.

They do not seem like institutions; they are as we wish to have them—safe harbors where those of our brothers who have been battered by the storms of life may find a safe anchorage as our guests.

I urge every Mason to visit Charl-

ton and Shrewsbury, and have his belief in Freemasonry strengthened.

I urge the masters to show the new films in their lodges, that their members may have a slight conception of our accomplishments.

We have at present 30 patients in our hospital — every one suffering from a chronic or incurable disease —every one received because there was no other place where they could receive adequate care.

It must be our endeavor to see that the facilities of the hospital be conserved for only this type of case.

At the home we have as our guests 67 men and 47 women.

On February 5th, Brother Logee, the oldest Mason in the United



The Masonic Home Location Committee

States, celebrated his 104th birthday at the home with fitting exercises, in which he participated with the enthusiasm of youth.

Woroneko Hollyhock, one of our registered Ayrshire herd, has recently completed her test as a milk producer, and has broken the world's record. She consequently bears the proud title of World Champion as a junior four-year-old.

The Juniper Hall fund is at present \$154,810, with many lodges actively engaged in presenting the matter properly to all their members. If this method is made general, I feel confident that we will arrive at our \$200,000 goal.

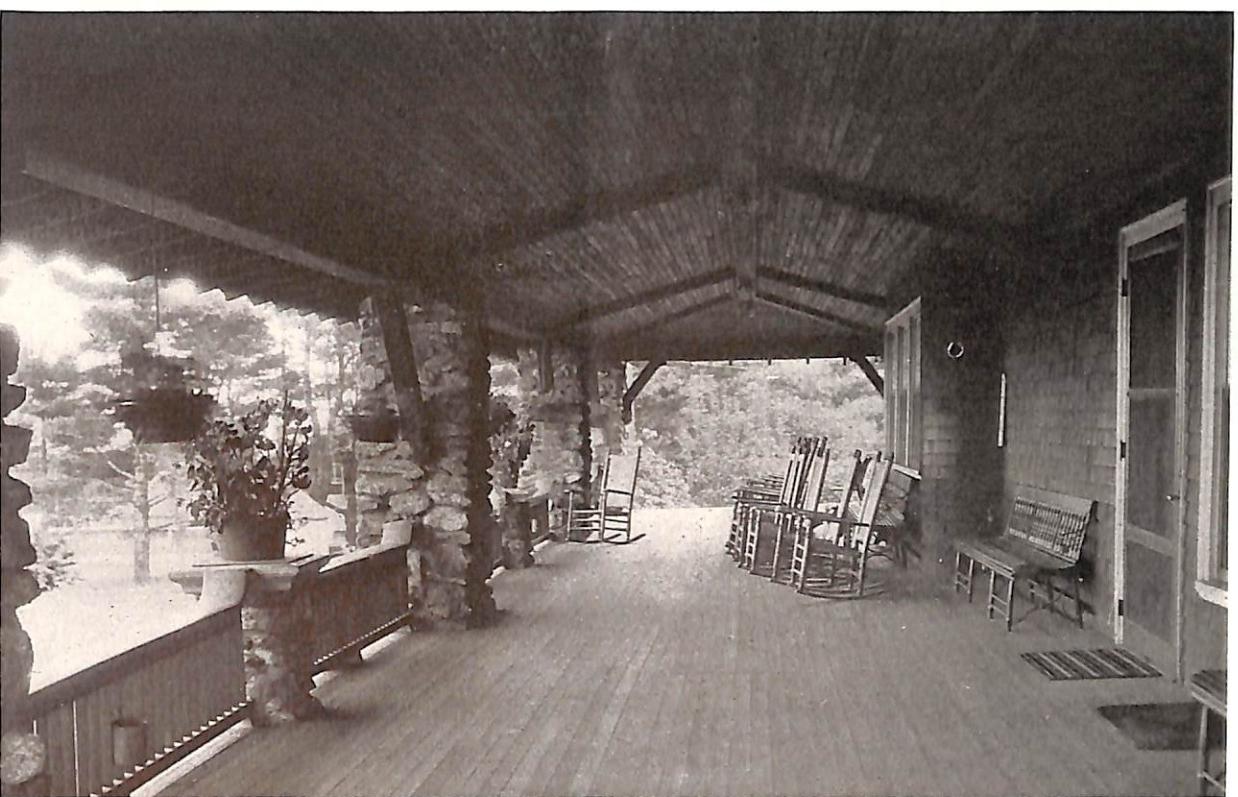
The returns during the past month contain figures that should prove both an inspiration and a challenge.

We have received \$1,000 from our lodges in China; contributions from every lodge in the Canal Zone; and \$300 from Huelen Lodge of 100 members in Chile.

This evidence of loyalty and of a desire to participate in our undertakings from our overseas jurisdictions is most gratifying, and should strengthen our determination in Massachusetts to complete our task.

DEDICATION OF THE DAVENPORT HOME, MAY 23, A. L. 5929

A special communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Charlton on Thursday, the twenty-third



A Porch Vista—at Charlton

day of May, A. L. 5929, A. D. 1929, for the purpose of dedicating the Orlando H. Davenport addition to the Masonic Home.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form in a convenient room at ten minutes past four o'clock in the afternoon, and proceeded at once to the auditorium in the new building. The grand officers took their stations and the building was dedicated with full form and ceremony in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft. The ceremony was conducted in public form, being in the nature of a "family party" for the residents and families of the grand officers.

Brief but very appropriate addresses were made by the grand master and by M. W. Dudley H. Ferrell, relief commissioner.

I would remind you that a welcome awaits you there at all times.

MASONIC HOSPITAL

One year ago the hospital wing was in the process of construction, with \$79,148.56 expended. To-day it is practically completed, all furnished, and occupied by 23 patients.

The total cost to December 1st is \$196,899.46.

On the opening days, October 26th and 27th, we received 10,000 visitors from every district in the state, all of whom were enthusiastic over the homelike atmosphere of the hospital and the completeness of the equip-

ment for caring for the particular type of cases to be admitted.

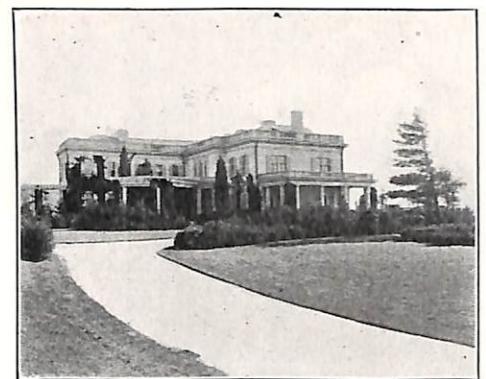
Again let me impress upon you that this hospital is only for chronic or incurable cases, for which there is no other adequate or satisfactory provision available.

To illustrate, I cite the following taken from the list of applicants as typical: Heart trouble, 4; fractured hip, 2; spinal trouble, 2; arthritis, 3; blind, 2; cancer, 3; paralysis, 3.

Of the \$200,000 requested of the brethren as a pledge of their interest in this appealing Masonic project, \$143,000 has been received from not over 60 per cent of the Masons in the state.

The fact that \$11,400 has been received since the opening of the hospital leads me to believe that the fraternity is awakening to the privilege that is theirs, and we hope that we may have our faith in Massachusetts Masonry justified by receiving the full amount.

Looking to the future, I can see the probability of the need of additional hospital accommodations. When this time comes we will undoubtedly have sufficient funds for the support of the additional number of patients, but may not have money available for the erection of the needed wing.



The Driveway — Juniper Hall

To provide for this contingency, I deem it advisable in setting aside the amount given to Juniper Hall, in excess of the \$100,000 used for construction, to make this balance available should the need arise for the expansion of our hospital accommodations.

I therefore recommend that all moneys given by the brethren in excess of \$100,000 be set aside as a fund to be known as the Juniper Hall fund; that the income from this fund be used for operating expenses at the Masonic Hospital; and that the principal be properly invested and held intact except that any portion of said fund, not governed by the terms of gifts or bequests, may be used for such purposes in connection with the hospital as the grand lodge may direct.

I believe that it is desirable to include this provision in all gifts or bequests to the home or hospital.

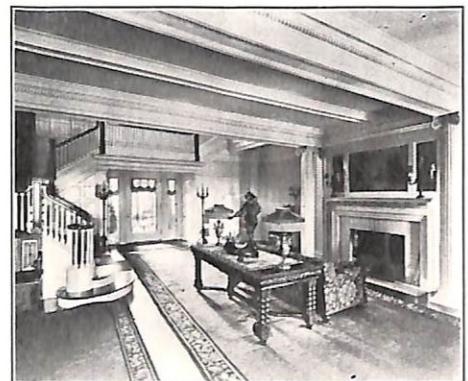
REPORT OF RELIEF COMMISSIONER

We beg to submit the following as the report of the relief department. The figures of expenditure, of necessity, cover the period from September 1st, 1928, to August 31st, 1929, dates which designate the financial year of the grand lodge. The other facts enumerated include the period from our last annual report up to the present.

The board of Masonic relief has held ten regular meetings during the year; eight at the Masonic Temple, Boston, and two at the Masonic Home. The average attendance of those elected to represent the fraternity in its various divisions was 27. The average attendance of active members was 23, and of associate members, 54. These figures are given merely to emphasize the fact that attendance on the part of those charged with responsibility for one

of the most important phases of Masonic labor has been far less than was desired or hoped for. Only at the board meetings can one come closely into contact with the need which is sounding its call and with significance, in both character and magnitude, of the effort which the fraternity is making in response. If the representatives of the Craft could take back to the members the information available at these monthly meetings, we cannot help but believe that a new enthusiasm would distinguish our personnel.

The board of relief acts upon all applications for admission to the home and the hospital, and votes appropriations for the assistance of lodges both from the war relief fund and from the amount budgeted from the annual income of the grand



The Stairway — Juniper Hall

lodge. The details of these actions by the board will be presented under the separate headings representative of the above-mentioned activities.

THE MASONIC HOME

During the year extensive material changes have taken place at the home. Additional dormitory space has been provided by the Davenport addition. A new laundry and heating plant, and a dairy room connected with the barn, have been constructed. Other changes produced by repairs or permanent improvements have resulted in a plant with accommodations and facilities sufficient for some time to come, we hope.

At the beginning of the year, we had 93 residents at the home. During the year the board admitted 42; 14 died, 16 were transferred, one resigned, and two were discharged. A word of explanation should be spoken about the sixteen transfers. One of these was sent to a sanato-

rium for tuberculars at Rutland, the remainder were taken into the hospital at Shrewsbury. For these cases special nursing care was required, and not having the proper facilities at the home, it was difficult to render them adequate service while waiting for the hospital to be finished. At present there are resident in the home 162—60 men and 42 women.

During the year an increasing interest has been manifested in our home, evidenced by the number of visitors. Six thousand, six hundred and thirty-one have availed themselves of the privilege of visiting this beautiful place. Our friends have been most kind in providing entertainment through the year, and upon special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, and have brought to the residents joy and happiness. Once again may we emphasize the fact that our superintendent and matron and those connected with the administration of the home, are endeavoring to preserve the atmosphere of a home. Even the slightest measure of success in this effort is a source of satisfaction to the entire fraternity.

THE MASONIC HOSPITAL

With the greatest eagerness we have been looking forward to the completion of our addition to Juniper Hall in order that we might take care of those sufferers for whom adequate and satisfactory facilities could not be obtained elsewhere. On October 26th and 27th the hospital was opened for inspection, and to the 10,000 visitors who came on those two days the results of our efforts were an inspiration.

The first patients were taken into Juniper Hall on June 28th, 1928, being transfers of residents from the home. Since that time and up to December 1st, a total of 13 have re-



An Inside Vista at Juniper Hall



The Dining Room at Charlton

ceived the benefit of our hospital service. Of this number six have passed away, but we had the satisfaction of knowing that every effort had been made to give comfort and peace during the last hours of life.

On December 1st the equipment of the addition was completed, and at the November meeting of the board of relief eight applications were acted upon favorably. At the December meeting of the board 14 were transferred from the home. To-day we have in the hospital 23 patients for whom we alone, apparently, can render the service which their situation and condition require.

Here may we emphasize a thought which too often lacks emphasis in the minds of those to whom the appeal for help comes. Both home and hospital are to be considered only when every other means of satisfactory care for the needy and sick has been exhausted!

The home should not be thought of first in the care of an aged and needy brother, but last. The hospital should not be called upon to give service when adequate care can be found outside and facilities provided that are satisfactory. To do anything different in either case is to deny to those who need it most the care that Freemasonry is able to render.

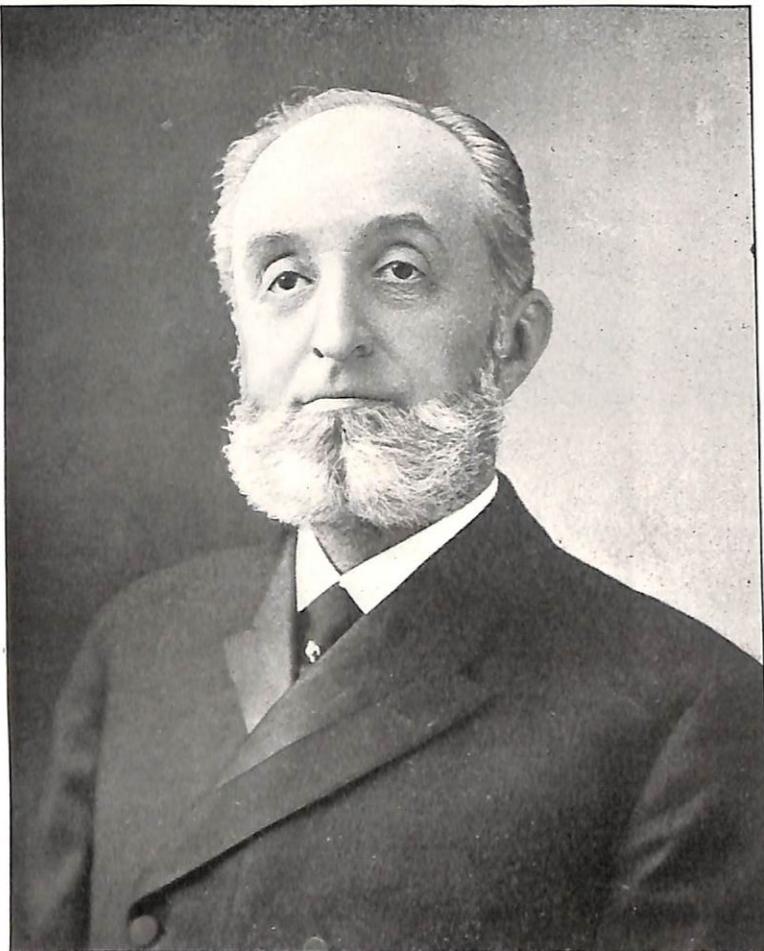
Paul W. Jackson Fund	10,000.00
William A. Jenks Fund	6,647.28
Jerusalem Lodge Fund	1,000.00
Anthony S. Jones Fund	440.45
George E. Keach Fund	100.00
Knights Templar Fund	542.01
Daniel W. Lawrence Fund	25,000.00
Samuel Crocker Lawrence Fund	116,515.77
Winslow Lewis Lodge Fund	5,000.00
Walter H. Livermore Fund	100.00
Lodge of St. Andrew Fund	25,358.75
Alfred S. Lovell Fund	500.00
Dudley S. MacDonald Fund	5,330.84
Masonic Home Fund	438,180.16
Masonic Home Replacement Fund	127,145.13
Henry Child Miller Fund	3,047.00
Mary H. Miller Fund	1,000.00
Mount Hope Lodge Fund	1,170.15
Wm. H. L. Odell Fund	1,015.90
Alfred Howard Perkins Fund	100.00
Franklin H. Pratt Fund	25,353.15
Thomas Prince Fund	4,358.35
George H. Rhoades Fund	300.00
George M. Rice Fund	2,247.52
Charles S. Robertson Fund	500.00
Benjamin W. Rowell Fund	63,705.82
Michael Ryan Fund	500.00
George A. Sanderson Fund	2,168.33
Wm. H. H. Shattuck Fund	2,000.00
John T. Siders Fund	1,000.00
Sigourney Fund	6,000.00
Harriet A. Smeath Fund	100.00
Benjamin L. M. Smith Fund	1,452.73
Charles C. Smith Fund	500.00
Edward F. Smith Fund	2,100.00
Edward P. Taft Fund	969.11
Everett Miles Taylor Fund	100.00
James H. Tebbets Fund	1,000.00
William J. Tilley Fund	4,564.07
Robert Todd Fund	1,000.00
Robert E. Turner Fund	292.26
Permelia P. Wade Fund	1,548.55
War Relief Fund	153,889.32
Enos Wasgatt Fund	16,732.99
Otis E. Weld Fund	20,000.00
Matthew J. Whittall Fund	5,000.00
William H. Williams Fund	55,595.30
Charles Levi Woodbury Fund	312.68
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Special Communication at Shrewsbury

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DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HOSPITAL

A special communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Shrewsbury on Wednesday, the thirtieth day of May, A. L. 5928, A. D. 1928,



The Late Arthur G. Pollard, Who Never Tired in His Labors on Behalf of Unfortunate Masons

for the purpose of formally taking over Juniper Hall, the estate of the late R. W. Matthew John Whittall, from Mrs. Gertrude Clarke Whittall, who presented it to the grand lodge, and dedicating the building to Masonic use as a hospital.

Grand officers present: M. W. Frank L. Simpson, grand master; R. W. Otis White, deputy grand master; R. W. John W. Withington, senior grand warden; R. W. Elton S. Wilde, junior grand warden; M. W. Melvin M. Johnson, past grand master; M. W. Dudley H. Ferrell, past grand master; R. W. Herbert P. Bagley, past deputy grand master; R. W. John A. McKim, past

Ramsay, grand treasurer; R. W. Frederick W. Hamilton, grand secretary; R. W. Charles C. Balcom, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 3; R. W. Ralph Lowe, Jr., D. G. master, Dist. No. 4; R. W. William H. C. Carrasco, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 4; R. W. Rudolph Burrough, D. D. G. Master, Dist. No. 5; R. W. Daniel C. Hunt, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 10; R. W. Carl B. Mitchell, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 14; R. W. Edwin L. Davis, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 18; Harold L. Fenner, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 21; R. W. Harry C. Midgley, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 21; R. W. Winfield Temple, D. D. G. master, Dist. No. 24; R. W. Dana R. Johnson, D. D. G.

master, Dist. No. 33; R. W. Robert J. McKechnie, grand marshal; W. Rev. John C. Braker, grand chaplain; W. Rev. Robert Walker, grand chaplain; W. Rev. Percy T. Edrop, D. D., grand chaplain; W. Roy P. Miles, grand lecturer; W. David M. Claghorn as senior grand deacon; W. William F. Clark as junior grand deacon; W. Harry J. Kenworthy as senior grand steward; W. W. H. Smiley Kingsbury as junior grand steward; W. Herbert P. Ware, junior grand steward; W. J. Arthur Gibson, grand sword bearer; W. George W. Chester, grand tyler. Guest of grand lodge: M. W. Walter G. Arnold, P. G. M. Connecticut.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form in a convenient apartment and proceeded to the spacious lawn on the south side of the building where arrangements had been made for seating the large number of brethren and guests present and for the proper performance of the ceremonies of a public dedication. Mrs. Whittall, the wives of the grand officers, and many other ladies and other guests occupied the terrace overlooking the lawn.

After prayer by the grand chaplain, Mrs. Whittall was presented to the grand master, and addressed him as follows:

"Most Worshipful Grand Master:

"In memory of my husband, Matthew John Whittall, I have deeded this estate—Juniper Hall—to the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts and I now tender you the keys and the possession of this house, in order that it may be devoted to the purpose of the relief of suffering. I request that it be dedicated to that use, as a hospital, according to the rites and ceremonies of your ancient and honorable fraternity."

The grand master replied:

"Mrs Whittall:

"We have received and accepted your deed, and we now accept the keys and the possession of this house and this estate, Juniper Hall (with grateful appreciation of your liberality and with profound admiration for the magnanimity which prompted your gift). We gladly testify to the qualities of character of our brother, the late Right Worshipful Matthew John Whittall, a distinguished characteristic of whom was his love for his fellow-men and his tenderness for the unfortunate."

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MASONIC CRAFTSMAN

"The Grand Lodge is duly assembled and will try this building by the square, level, and plumb, and dedicate it, as requested by you, as a hospital for the relief of suffering, according to ancient usage and custom.

"And may this beautiful structure remain a lasting monument to the memory of our departed brother and of the benevolent spirit and generosity of its donor."

The dedication then proceeded in full form according to the ancient usages of the Craft.

At the libation of corn the grand master said:

"In the name of the Great Jehovah, to whom be all honor and glory, I do solemnly dedicate this building, Juniper Hall, to Freemasonry."

At the libation of wine the grand master said:

"In the name of the holy Saints John, I do solemnly dedicate this building to the relief of suffering."

At the libation of oil the grand master said:

"In the name of the whole fraternity, I do solemnly dedicate this building to universal benevolence."

The grand master addressed the assembled company as follows:

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

"Ladies and My Brethren:

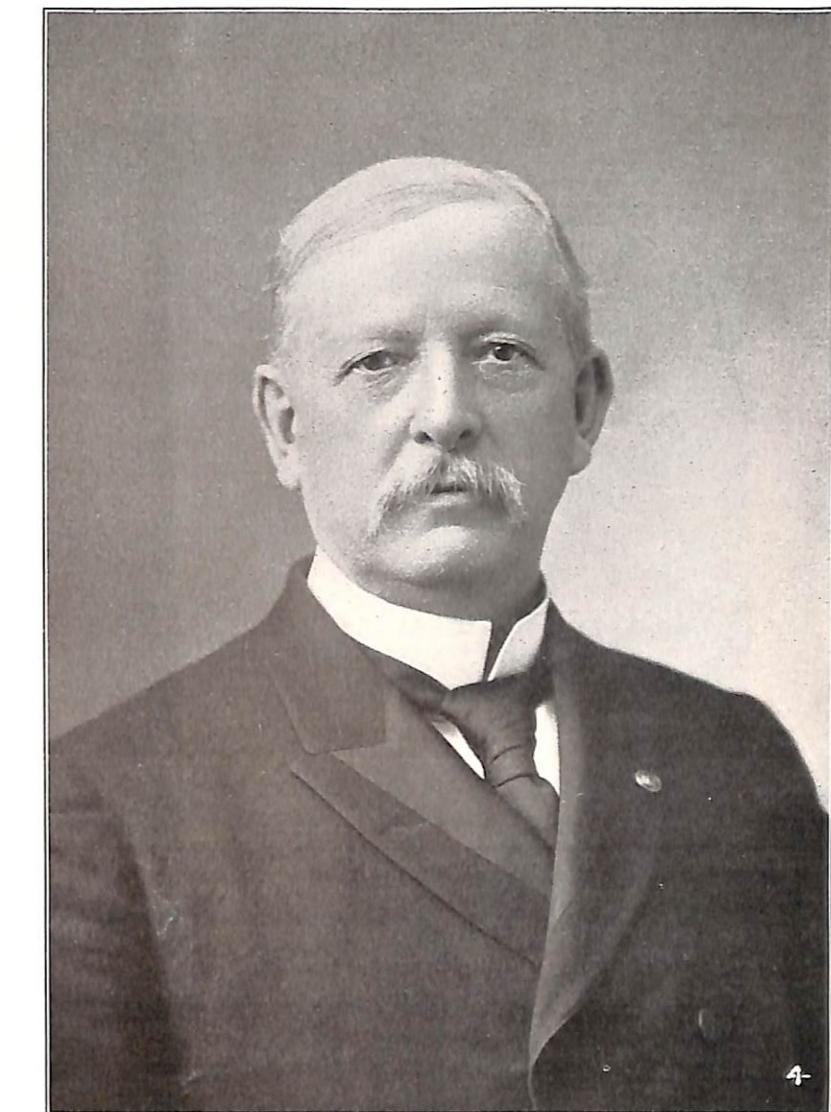
"I find it difficult adequately to express in words the happiness I feel in extending greetings to so many friends and Brethren, who, I am persuaded, have come to join with us in paying a tribute of love and respect, and to participate in the beginnings of a noble enterprise on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and personally I bid you all a hearty welcome."

"In accordance with our ancient forms and ceremonies, the Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts has dedicated this structure to Freemasonry as a hospital for the relief of those who suffer and are afflicted. We have consecrated it as a memorial to a just and upright Mason, whose life and character were typical of that life and character which it is the aim of our fraternity to develop in its members."

"Right Worshipful Brother Matthew John Whittall was for six years prior to his death a director of this grand lodge; he was a zealous and earnest Mason; he was a lover of the Craft wheresoever dispersed.

Mrs. Matthew John Whittall.

"On behalf of those who shall here find ease of pain: for those who shall here find solace in their suffering: for those who shall here be cheered



M. W. J. Albert Blake, Whose Name for Many Years Was Synonymous With the Masonic Home at Charlton, Massachusetts

His confidence in the usefulness of this fraternity and in its benign influence for the welfare of mankind was sincere and abiding.

"His interest in Freemasonry was one of the manifestations of a character which embraced in its benevolence the whole human family. He was indeed 'a man whose heart was ever full of love for his fellow men.'

To such a character this hospital is a fitting memorial, for he was ever solicitous for those who suffered and were heavy laden.

"As we dedicate this house to its beneficent uses, we should be untrue to ourselves if we did not make grateful and public acknowledgment of our deep appreciation and profound admiration for the generous and magnanimous spirit of its donor.

Mrs. Matthew John Whittall.

"On behalf of those who shall here find ease of pain: for those who shall here find solace in their suffering: for those who shall here be cheered

and heartened by beautiful surroundings, we tender to her, sincere gratitude. For ourselves who shall be inspired by her example of benevolent liberality and stimulated to a renewed expression and interpretation of our profession of charity, we thank her with full hearts.

*Ah! nothing than this is more knightly or noble;
To help and to heal the sad spirit in trouble;
To hearten and cheer the poor comrade distressful,
And rally him back to a battle successful.*

*Ah! nothing's more knightly and noble than living
To spend one's self, Christ-like, in loving and giving.
Clean hearted within and kind hearted to others
Is this not the seal of true knighthood, my brothers!*



THE MASONIC HOME AT CHARLTON, MASSACHUSETTS, SHOWING THE ADDITIONS

"For reasons which are quite legitimate, the public has little understanding of the institution which we call Masonry; and, except at periods of extraordinary circumstance, has had little interest in it until comparatively modern times. The growth of the fraternity in recent years, and other causes which we may not pause to mention, have contributed to stimulate a wider interest, or curiosity—and sometimes both—in what the institution is and what its objectives are.

"That the institution has been misunderstood is but the natural consequence of its own laws and purposes. Public discussion of it by its members is strictly prohibited. It makes no parade of itself. It does not advertise. It conducts no drive for membership, nor does it permit any solicitation of applicants. It holds out no inducements to men to join it, and promises no rewards or other benefits to those who voluntarily seek affiliation with it. These mandates of its law are in no sense due to a lack of decent regard for the opinions of mankind; but are due to the essential purposes and aims of the fraternity, which, summarized, are to develop its adherents as men of high character whose ruling object is the welfare of mankind and the service which they may render to others in their individual contacts with the world.

"Throughout its life as an organ-

ization, whose history may be definitely traced for more than four centuries, and whose descent is unbroken from the most remote periods of the past, it has been dedicated to the relief of distress. To soothe the unhappy, to compassionate their misery, to sympathize with their misfortunes and to restore peace to troubled minds, has been the grand aim it has had in view.

"Doubtless one may not be too bold in asserting the existence of the specific evidences of its influence upon the attitudes and ideas of civilized society toward the less fortunate or the unfortunate. We may nevertheless confidently feel that this institution has played a part, and a large part, in influencing the world to a greater and more extensive understanding of the principle that men are their brothers' keepers.

"While time and the occasion do not permit argument of the point—indeed, neither interest nor inclination exist for arguing it, a brief survey may tend to suggest the bases for this belief.

'The word charity or love represents the good life. It stands for a mood or habit of mind and an endeavor. From it as a habit of mind springs the social and personal endeavor which in the widest sense we may call charity.'

'Where the habit of mind has not been gained, the endeavor fluctuates and is relatively purposeless. In so

deavor is founded on an intelligent scrutiny of social conditions and is guided by a definite purpose.'

"In the earlier periods of Christian civilization charity was regarded as a Christian virtue. The early Christian congregations took care of their own members in a spirit of brotherhood. The early church had many of the aspects of a fraternity—its particular congregations resembling what we know as a lodge.

"From the middle of the fourth century two new tendencies appear:

First: The development of an organized system of relief by the church acting in larger units and including the foundation of hospitals, almshouses, homes for the aged, orphanages, and like institutions.

Second: There was a shifting of emphasis as to the motive for charitable endeavor. The primary object in giving alms tended more and more to become a matter of benefit to the soul of the giver. Less emphasis was laid upon the individual to take care of those members of society who were unfortunate or who might become a public charge.

"During the whole mediaeval period, the church was the only channel of charity on a large scale. The state assumed no responsibility, nor was there any general conception of obligation on the part of the individual member of society. Even such organized charity as there was during the middle period of English his-

tory, was practically extinguished by the Reformation. This condition of things, due to the diminished activity of the church and the occurrences of plagues and other disasters on a general scale, compelled municipal and state relief as a necessity, producing the poor laws and other statutory enactments aimed at benefiting the poorer classes of workmen.

"There seems to have been but a slight development of the general sense of social responsibility for the unfortunate prior to the middle of the eighteenth century. In the early years of that century the condition of the poor was extremely harsh, and there was practically nothing in the way of organized enactment. In the latter part of this century appear the beginnings of the attitude of responsibility which so generally pervades our modern society; and it is significant to note that it was in the first quarter of that century in which was formed the Grand Lodge of Masons in England in 1717.

"Those who are familiar with Masonic idealism and with the genius of the institution which we call Freemasonry, will easily recognize that Masonic charity has the same inspiration as that of the early church, namely, the care of the unfortunate in a spirit of brotherhood. They will as readily see that it has the inspiration of the church charity of the Middle Ages, that is, the inspiration of the benefit to those who give, and

who concern themselves for the welfare of those less fortunate than themselves.

"These inspirations of our charity are not derived from ecclesiastical experience, however, but have their own lines of descent. "The 'Collegia' which we claim as our ancestors and which were recognized by law in the Roman Empire, had monthly collections for the relief of their members.

The trade guilds of the Middle Ages, from which undoubtedly sprang our early operative Masonry, always cared for their members and made regular collections for that purpose.

"The idea that the lodge was bound to relieve the necessities of its members and that the individual Mason was likewise under obligation to contribute to the relief of a distressed brother passed by direct descent from the operative Masons of the 16th and 17th centuries to the speculative Masonry of the 18th century and of modern times. Such is the genesis of the declaration of our constitutions that Masonry is a benevolent institution in that it teaches relief and exemplifies the teaching by relieving distressed brethren, their widows and orphans.

"Thus it may conceivably be true that the ideas of earlier civilizations which are the source of our Masonic idealism, affected as they may have been by the doctrines of the primitive church, have been preserved in Masonic lodges and groups through

the darker periods of history, to reappear in our modern society in endeavors so extensive as to afford reasonable grounds for hope for the ultimate establishment of universal 'peace on earth, good will among men.'

"Certainly this institution has existed for centuries; in its ranks have been enrolled, in all the years of its existence, large numbers of good men of all races and in all parts of the world; its genius has been to inspire men with ideals and to create habits of thought of brotherliness, relief, truth and justice. Certainly such an institution must have made a contribution, and a large contribution, to the thinking from which springs that intelligent endeavor which we call charity, and which constitutes one of the brightest aspects of modern life.

"The enterprise the beginnings of which we to-day are celebrating with ancient forms and ceremonies is therefore one which is peculiarly a Masonic undertaking, consistent with its traditions and its philosophy and sanctioned by the mandates of its laws.

"The fulfillment of our hopes and plans will give aid to those who suffer; it will develop our characters and enlarge our visions; it will afford the opportunity for the exercise of our professions and stimulate us to ever greater endeavor.

"And as we dedicate this beautiful

structure, Juniper Hall, to the purposes of our Craft and to the relief of suffering; as we pay our tribute of love and respect for the magnanimous spirits of those who have made this consummation possible, may we be inspired to renewed endeavor, may we re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of this great fraternity, for 'the greatest of these is charity.'

ORLANDO H. DAVENPORT HOME

In accordance with the decree of the Supreme Judicial Court and in pursuance of the vote of the grand lodge at the March communication, plans were drawn and contract authorized by the board of directors for the construction of an addition to the Masonic Home at Charlton, to be known as the Orlando H. Davenport Home. Contract for this addition has recently been executed and the work of construction has been begun. The building is to be 37 by 140 feet, three stories in height, and will contain 67 rooms, an auditorium with a seating capacity of 225 persons, a laundry, and a recreation room.

Plans have also been drawn and bids received for a heating and power plant and a laundry made necessary by this enlargement of the capacity of the home. It is expected that contract for the construction of this plant will be made in the immediate future and it is hoped that the plant will be completed in season to start the fires as soon as heat is required in the fall.

The funds out of which the costs of construction, furnishing, and equipment of the Orlando H. Davenport Home and the power and laundry plant will be defrayed, are the funds in the Sarah A. Davenport trust, which were made available for these purposes by decree of the Supreme Judicial Court under date of April 14, 1928. The amount of the funds of the trust, as of June 1st, 1928, was \$179,093.34, and in addition, there is a parcel of real estate at number 10 Waverly Street, Roxbury, Mass. Recommendation will be made at this Communication that this property be sold. If this recommendation is approved and a sale authorized, the proceeds thereof and the funds of the trust now in hand will be sufficient to cover all the costs

of construction, equipment, and furnishing of the buildings above mentioned.

LEGACIES

Under the will of Brother Henry C. Miller, late of Winchester, the sum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars is given to the grand lodge "for the general purposes of the Masonic Home at Charlton." I recommend that this legacy be accepted on the

something over a hundred thousand dollars left after the property had been paid for. At the December communication of 1909, the grand lodge passed the following vote:

"That all invested moneys now in the hands of the Masonic Home committee be turned over to the Masonic Education and Charity Trust to be held, invested and reinvested with whatever may hereafter be added



Entrance to Massachusetts Masonic Hospital

trusts and for the purposes specified in the will of Brother Miller.

Brother Robert Todd, late of Springfield, designated the grand lodge as the beneficiary of a policy of group insurance in the amount of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars. By

thereto, in a separate fund to be known as the Masonic Home Fund, the principal and income thereof to be expended as the grand lodge shall from time to time direct for the purposes of such Home."

Subsequently, five dollars from each initiation fee has been added to the Fund, under the provisions of Section 611 of the Grand Constitution, and the income of this Fund has been used from year to year for operating expenses of the Home.

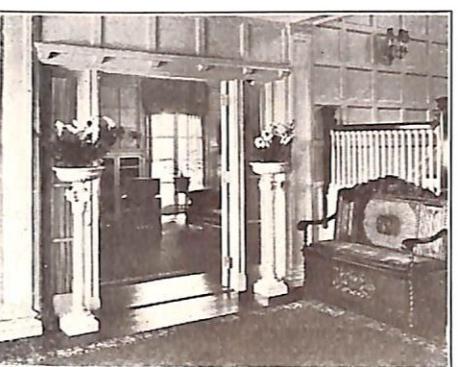
For the purpose of providing a Reserve for Replacement and to avoid any considerable depreciation charge on the current income of the grand lodge, I recommend that one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars out of the Masonic Home Fund be set aside and that the income thereof be accumulated, as a Reserve for Replacement of the Masonic Home buildings.

RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT

When the Masonic Home at Charlton was acquired, in 1909, the funds available for the purpose were contributed by voluntary contribution. The Fund thus acquired was known as the Masonic Home Fund. The purchase and equipment of the Home did not exhaust the entire fund and there was a balance of

I also recommend that the Residents' Fund now in the hands of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, and any Residents' Funds which may hereafter become the property of the grand lodge, be also set aside and the income thereof accumulated as part of a Reserve for Replacement of the Home buildings.

If these recommendations are approved and action is had in accordance with them, the amount which it will be necessary to charge against current income for the purposes of depreciation will be very materially reduced and an adequate reserve established to provide for replacement of the buildings when such replacement shall become necessary.



An Interior — Juniper Hall

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT CHARLTON JULY 25, A. L. 5928 CORNERSTONE LAYING

A special communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was held in the town of Charlton on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of July, A.L. 5928, A.D. 1928, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the Orlando H. Davenport Home.

The grand lodge was opened in ample form in a convenient apartment in the Masonic Home at twenty minutes past four o'clock in the afternoon and at once proceeded to the place appointed for laying the corner-stone. The corner-stone was then laid with full form and ceremony in accordance with the ancient usages of the Craft. The grand master delivered an address suited to the occasion.

JUNIPER HALL

In compliance with the votes of the grand lodge at the June communication of this year, contract has been made for the construction of a hospital wing joining the northerly wing of Juniper Hall. This contract was made on July 28th. Work is proceeding rapidly and arrangements have been made for the laying of the corner-stone of the new wing two weeks from today—September 26, 1928. Notice of this oc-

casion will be sent to all representatives in grand lodge and it is to be hoped that as many as can possibly do so will attend the ceremonies.

Complying with the vote that it was the sense of the grand lodge that the project to build an additional wing be presented to the brethren through the lodges, circulars have been prepared which have been forwarded to the lodges for distribution to all the brethren in the Commonwealth, in which is contained a statement of the circumstances touching the acquisition of Juniper Hall, the project to build the additional wing, and the financial plans and problems involved in this new construction. In addition, a letter was sent to the masters of the lodges, with the request that it be read after its receipt. For the sake of record, that letter is incorporated in this address and is as follows:

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS MASONIC TEMPLE

Boston, August 1, 1928.

Dear Worshipful Master:

At the annual communication held in December, 1927, the grand lodge accepted the gift of Mrs. Gertrude Clarke Whittall, widow of our late brother, Right Worshipful Matthew John Whittall, of her beautiful estate, known as Juniper Hall, and situated in the town of Shrewsbury.

The gift of the property was upon a trust to administer it for the relief of suffering of distressed Masons and their dependents; and it was Mrs. Whittall's desire and intent that the estate should be devoted to use as a hospital, if the fraternity found it possible and feasible to administer it for this purpose.

MRS. GERTRUDE CLARKE WHITTALL

THE DONOR OF JUNIPER HALL

Mrs. Whittall is the daughter of Brother, the Honorable Henry Tefft Clarke, a pioneer Mason in Nebraska and the first man to be raised a master Mason in that grand jurisdiction. He was one of the founders of the first Masonic lodge in Nebraska and throughout his life a patron of our institution and other benevolent and educational enterprises.

The By-Laws

The Bylaws under which Grand Lodge charity is administered are as follows:

PART VI

GRAND CHARITY

Masonic Education and Charity Trust
SEC. 600. WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge has accepted "An Act to establish and incorporate the Masonic Edu-



The Porch — Juniper Hall

cation and Charity Trust," enacted by the General Court of Massachusetts, and approved May 8, 1884, the following regulations are adopted by the Grand Lodge to aid in carrying out the provisions of said Act:

(a) The Grand Lodge shall elect one Trustee for said Trust at each Annual Communication and may fill vacancies at any Quarterly Communication, or at any Special Meeting called for the purpose.

(b) It is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the M. W. Grand Master, for the time being, should be the President of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust.

(c) The annual income, less premium on investments, hereafter to accrue, of the Grand Charity Fund, and of such additions as may be made to it by the Grand Lodge, and by gifts and bequests or otherwise, all held in trust by the Masonic Education and Charity Trust, shall annually be divided into three equal parts: one part to be added to the Grand Charity Fund; one part to be applied to the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home and Hospital; and one part to be available for the general charities of the Grand Lodge.

(d) Income of funds in the hands of the Trustees shall be disposed of as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time direct except in the case of specific funds where the expenditure of income is given to said Trustees by the will, deed, or other instrument creating the trust.

BOARD OF MASONIC RELIEF

Representation

SEC. 601. There shall be a Board of Masonic Relief which shall be the

Charity Committee of the Grand Lodge. The Board of Masonic Relief shall be composed of

(a) Twelve Representatives at large, elected by Grand Lodge as hereinafter provided.

(b) One District Representative chosen by and from each Masonic District in Massachusetts.

(c) One Lodge Representative chosen by and from each Lodge in Massachusetts.

Election

SEC. 602. Four representatives at large shall be elected by Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication for a term of three years, so that the term of office of one class of four representatives at large shall expire in each year.

It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in each District annually to elect a District Representative for their respective District.

Lodge Representatives

SEC. 603. Each Lodge at its Annual Communication may elect a Lodge Representative; and in the event of the failure of any Lodge to elect, the Master of the Lodge shall appoint a Lodge Representative, who shall hold office during the year of his appointment.

All Representatives shall have the same rights and privileges at the meetings of the Board of Relief.

Organization

SEC. 604. The Grand Master shall be President *ex officio* of the Board, which shall elect its own Clerk.

The Grand Master is requested annually to appoint a Standing Committee of at least six members of the Board.

The Grand Master shall be *ex officio* member and chairman of the Standing Committee.

Powers

SEC. 607. All applications for relief and for admission to the Home and the Hospital known as Juniper Hall shall be examined by the Relief Commissioner who shall make, or cause to be made, such investigation thereof as may be directed by the Grand Master or by the Standing Committee. The Relief Commissioner shall, under the direction of the Grand Master, submit all applications, together with his recommendations thereon and such data relating thereto as he has obtained to the Standing Committee. It shall be the duty of the Relief Commissioner to submit all such applications, together with the recommendations of the Standing Committee thereon and such data as the Board may require, to said Board, and no applications shall be acted upon by said Board until they have been submitted to said Standing Committee as hereinbefore provided.

The Board of Directors unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge may, with the approval of the Grand Master, reserve therefrom so much thereof as may be deemed by the Board necessary for the conduct of the charities of the Grand Lodge during the current fiscal year, (a) for expenditures on permanent account for which no other provision is made; (b) to supply deficiencies caused by expenditures on maintenance account over available income; and (c) to be appropriated if specifically recommended by the Grand Master for relief upon extraordinary occasions of great disaster or distress, whether within or without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. All amounts not so reserved shall promptly be transmitted to the Trustees of the Masonic Education and Charity Trust to be added to the Masonic Home and Hospital Fund.

District Charity Funds

SEC. 612. Lodges without the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be exempt from the provisions in the preceding section. There shall, however, be contributed for each initiate and for each such affiliate as described in Sec. 61, five dollars to a District Charity Fund. This amount shall be added to the initiation fee by all Lodges in such Districts which have not already so provided. These amounts shall be remitted by said Lodges to the District Grand Master with the annual returns. The District Grand Master shall pay the same to a Board of Trustees, consisting of the District Grand Master as Chairman, *ex officio*, and of one member annually to be elected by each Lodge in said District. Said Board of Trustees shall receive, hold, invest, reinvest the same and all gifts, devises, and bequests made either to said Board or to said District Grand Lodge upon trusts for educational or charitable purposes and relief connected with the families of deceased or living members of said District Grand Lodge and its subordinate organizations, or for the relief of distressed Freemasons, their widows, orphans, or other dependents of said District or of other states or countries, and may expend the income thereof, or principal if necessary, for such purposes, with the approval in each case of the District Grand Master. Said Trustees shall annually report the condition and investment of all funds intrusted to them, and the expenditure of the income thereof, to the District Grand Lodge.

Vacancies

SEC. 605. Unless otherwise provided by the Board, regular meetings thereof shall be held at the Masonic Temple in Boston, at two o'clock in the afternoon of the Tuesday next preceding the second Wednesday of each calendar month, except that at least two meetings of said Board in each year shall be held at the Masonic Home in Charlton. Special meetings may be called by the Grand Master. Due notice in writing of all meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board.

Meetings

SEC. 606. Ten members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Initiates' Contribution

SEC. 611. There shall be contributed for each initiate five dollars to the charitable funds of the Grand Lodge. This amount shall be added to the initiation fee by all Lodges which have not already so provided.

Five dollars shall likewise be contributed for each member reinstated or admitted by affiliation, unless such member shall have been initiated in a Lodge in this Jurisdiction subsequent to September 1, 1912, or shall produce a receipt showing that he has made a contribution of not less than five dollars to the District Grand Lodge.

The Four Outlaws

By CHARLES L. BROOKS, D.D., 32°

I do not use the qualifying word "four" in the exhaustive sense, as though it made up the sum total of outlaws. I use it rather in a pre-eminent sense, meaning the four outstanding outlaws with which mankind has to deal.

The word "outlaw" is of Scandinavian origin, and primarily applies to a person proscribed, or put beyond the benefit or protection of law. In this sense it is obsolete in the United States, since no person under our system can ever reach the point while he lives where he cannot claim the benefits of the law.

In a secondary sense the word applies to any lawless person or thing; that is, to one who commits acts of violence against regular order or constituted authority. It is in this secondary sense I make use of it.

At Job 2:9, we learn that his wife urged him, "Curse God, and die." Literally it runs, "Speak a word against God, and die." But "word" in that connection has reference to a system of doctrine, or a philosophy of life, rather than to the mere denunciation of God, or the pronouncement of a "curse" upon Him. It is, therefore, a denial of His lordship and the announcement of a determination to follow a course of life contrary to that which God has prescribed. This inevitably makes one an outlaw and sets his feet in the paths that lead down to death.

But this determination need not always be announced in words. It may often be manifested in deeds rather than words. Indeed, an acknowledgment of God's lordship may be contradicted by a hypocritical course of life. For instance, Jesus asked those about Him, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" (Luke 6:46.) "Lord" means lawgiver. They addressed Him as "Lord"—the lawgiver—yet refused allegiance to His laws. That was a puzzle to Jesus. And it is a puzzle to me how men can sing, "My Country, 'tis of thee," then flagrantly violate the nation's laws. It is a monstrous hypocrisy.

Satan was the first outlaw and is the master mind in all the outlawry of the world. In Judges 6 we read

of the "angels which kept not their first estate." Satan was their leader. And John says of him at 8:44, that he abode not in the truth and was a murderer from the beginning. Of his rebellion and consequent banishment from heaven our conception is largely due to the highly imaginative phrases of Milton's *Paradise Lost*. Why God permits him to operate is an age-old question that has never been satisfactorily fathomed by the ingenuity of man.

But that Satan is, that he is the prince of this world in its constituted opposition to God, and that his operations will ultimately come to an end in the triumph of light over darkness are teachings of the Scriptures about which there is no debate.

Whether we accept these teachings as true or false, these things the Scriptures teach, Satan is an outlaw. He is not subject to the law of God. He is against all righteous authority of whatever kind. And he is the master of all who are of that mind.

The atheist stands next in the order of outlaws. In the purely human sphere he is naturally first. The word is a combination of the Greek *alpha* privative *a*, meaning "without", and the noun *theos*, meaning "God", and simply signifies "without God." It is used to characterize all those who deny the existence of God. But God is a norm of thought, just as time, space and number are norms of thought. To say that it belongs to the categories is the only way to account for its presence in human thinking.

Even the great agnostic, Herbert Spencer, says that "the atheistic theory is absolutely unthinkable." Therefore, those who seek to put God out of thought by a denial of His existence are outlaws in the kingdom of philosophy. The atheist is irrational. Psalm 53:1, characterizes him as a "fool", saying, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." The word "fool" means "one without reason."

And the characterization is accurate.

From Democritus down to now every flowering of atheism in history

reveals a reign of utter madness. The French Revolution was the product of atheism. The Russian state leaders are atheistic. On the first Easter Sunday following the inauguration of their red rule they paraded the effigies of Jesus, Mohammed and Moses through the streets of Moscow, then cast them into bonfires as their "first public challenge to God."

A short while ago I received a lot of atheistic literature from the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. After reading it in detail I sent an article to the press, characterizing it as the Association of Asses for the Promotion of Assinity, on the ground that it was not "American" and is incapable of "advancement." For it has founded no states, built no schools, orphanages or asylums, nor inspired men to dare, do and die for those who were to follow.

Possibly my characterization may be thought a trifle severe. Certainly those of that school who wrote me privately in regard to it fretted considerably under it. But what else can one do with men like that? The elephant's hide is so thick that a sharp goad is required to arouse in him any feeling at all. The language of these writers is coarse, sacrilegious and vulgar. The more vulgar it is, the happier they seem to be. It betrays the animal mind and deadened sensibilities. They reveal no respect for God or man. To them nothing is sacred. Like hyenas they dig into the graves and gnaw the rotting bones of the dead. Their culminating law of life is licentiousness. Say what you will, but it is against the Bible conception of morality they have chiefly rebelled.

THE STIPEND OF LIFE

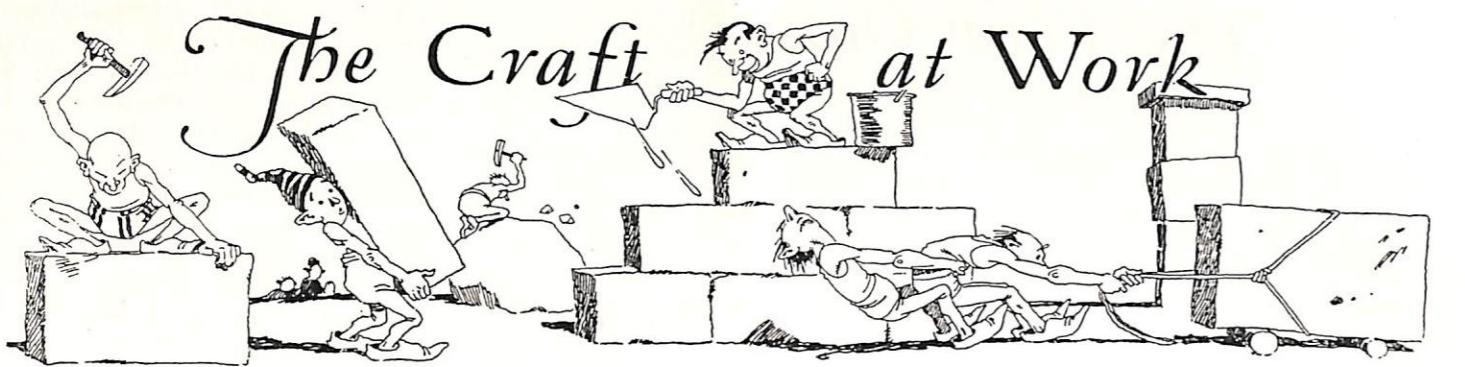
I bargained with life for a penny,
And life would pay no more;
However I begged at evening
When I counted my scanty store.

For life is a just employer,
He gives you what you ask.
But once you have set the wages,
Why, you must bear the task.

I worked for a menial's hire,
Only to learn, dismayed,
That any wage I had asked of life,
Life would have paid.

—Jessie Rittenhouse.

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NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew McNair, who rang the Liberty Bell on July 8, 1776, for the reading of the Proclamation of Independence, and who was doorkeeper of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, was made a Fellowcraft Mason in Lodge No. 3, November 21, 1755.

Benjamin Franklin, famous Revolutionary patriot, officiated at the "Lodge of Sorrow", conducted by the Masonic fraternity in France in memory of Voltaire, November 28, 1778.

Capt. Billy Porter, an officer of the American Revolution, became a charter member of Washington Army Lodge, constituted at West Point, N. Y., November 11, 1779.

Gen. Richard Caswell, member of the Continental Congress from North Carolina (1774-75), Governor of that state (1776-80; 1785-88), and Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina (1788), died at Fayetteville, N. C., November 10, 1789.

Samuel Holden Parsons, Major General in the American Revolution, one of the first judges of the Northwest Territory Supreme Court, and Master of American Union Lodge, was drowned in the Big River, Ohio, November 27, 1789.

Gen. Benjamin Chew Howard, Grand Master of Maryland (1824-41) and reporter of the United States Supreme Court (1843-62), was born near Baltimore, Md., November 5, 1791.

John Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Presbyterian minister and president of Princeton University (1768), died at his farm "Tusculum," near Princeton, November 15, 1794. Although his lodge membership is not known, it is stated that he made several visits to Vermont and attended Masonic meetings.

Gen. William Maxwell, who served in the Continental Army, and was a member of Military Lodge No. 19 on the Pennsylvania registry, died November 12, 1798.

Commodore John Downes, who served in the War of 1812 and commanded the Pacific Squadron (1832-34), was passed to the degree of Fel-

lowcraft in Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton, Mass., November 20, 1806.

Gen. William Shepard, who served in the Revolution and was a member of Congress from Massachusetts (1797-1803), died at Westfield, Mass., November 8, 1865.

Alexander P. Moore, U. S. Ambassador to Spain and Peru, was born at Pittsburgh, Pa., November 10, 1867, and was a member of Lodge No. 45 in that city.

Benjamin B. French, Lieutenant Grand Commander of the Southern Supreme Council, and sixth Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., was elected Grand High Priest of the new Grand Chapter, R. A. M., District of Columbia, in November, 1868.

Francis E. Warren, first Governor of Wyoming (1890), and U. S. Senator from that state (1891-93; 1895-1929), received the thirty-second degree at Cheyenne, Wyo., November 23, 1900. His death occurred at Washington, D. C., November 24, 1929.

James Hogg, famous Scottish poet, and member of Canongate Kilwinning Lodge of Edinburgh, died at Altrive, Yarrow, Scotland, November 21, 1835.

Samuel D. Nicholson, U. S. Senator from Colorado (1921-23), received the thirty-second degree in Colorado Conistory No. 1 at Denver, November 21, 1912.

Warren LaRue Thomas, seventeenth Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, died at Tucson, Ariz., November 23, 1914.

Thomas S. Martin, U. S. Senator from Virginia (1894-1919), died at Charlottesville, Va., November 12, 1919. He was a member of Scottsville, (Va.) Lodge No. 4.

Henry Lansburgh, Potentate of Almas Shrine Temple for two terms, died at Washington, D. C., November 29, 1925.

Robert McAlister, Past Grand Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Ireland, died in Dublin, November 4, 1863.

George Miles Chilcott, U. S. Senator from Colorado (1882-83), affiliated with Pueblo (Colo.) Lodge No. 17, November 24, 1869.

Col. John W. Vrooman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York (1889), became a member of Herkimer (N. Y.) Lodge No. 423, November 2, 1865. His death occurred at Herkimer, November 23, 1929.

Lloyd E. Smith, Deputy of the Supreme Council in West Virginia, died

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at Charleston, November 12, 1929.

Lord Blythswood, Grand Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Scottish Rite Supreme Council of that country, died at his home near Renfrew, Scotland, November 14, 1929.

James W. Good, Secretary of War under President Hoover, and a member of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 263, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died at Washington, D. C., November 18, 1929.

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FOR CRIPPLES

H. Clarence Baldridge, Governor of Idaho, was born at Carlock, Ill., November 24, 1868, and is a member of Parma (Ida.) Lodge No. 49.

Roland Hill Hartley, Governor of Washington, received the Master Mason degree in Cataract Lodge No. 2, Minneapolis, Minn., November 26, 1885.

Oream H. Simpson, former Governor of Louisiana, received the thirty-second degree at New Orleans, November 12, 1899.

George Henry Dern, Governor of Utah, received the thirty-second degree at Salt Lake City, November 17, 1904.

The Prince of Wales, Provincial Grand Master for Surray, was installed as a master of St. Magdalen Lodge No. 1523 in November, 1925.

Pat Collins, famous baseball catcher, received the thirty-second degree at Kansas City, Kans., November 18, 1926. The following day he was made a member of Abdallah Shrine Temple of the same place.

ADOPTS DUAL MEMBERSHIP

At the Eighty-first Annual Communication of the grand lodge of Masons in California legislation was adopted providing for dual membership. According to the new rule a Mason of a foreign state recognizing dual membership, may join one lodge in California without relinquishing his foreign membership, but a Mason may not be or become a member of more than one California Lodge, though he may hold memberships in as many foreign lodges as he pleases, provided they recognize dual membership.

Dual membership has been recognized for some time by the Grand Lodge of England and is now provided for by a number of grand lodges in the United States.

Another important matter at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of California was the recognition of the following foreign grand lodges: the Grand Lodge "Zur Sonne" of Bayreuth, Germany; the Grand Lodge "Lessing of the Rings" and "National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia," both located at Prague, Czechoslovakia; the Swiss Grand Lodge "Alpina," Switzerland;

and Bogota)—is based on the Ancient Landmarks, and makes a belief in God the prerequisite for initiation; it also requires that the Bible shall occupy its place on the altar.

PRETENDERS UNDER ARREST

Grafton, W. Va.—Dr. W. W. Stonestreet, of Morgantown, and George C. Phillips, formerly of Harrisburg, Pa., and more recently a resident of Morgantown, were held for the action of the October grand jury in Taylor county at a hearing recently. They were charged with obtaining money under false pretenses incident to the promotion of a fictitious Masonic lodge.

These two men are said to have represented to several citizens of this city that for a certain sum of money paid as an initiation fee they would be made Masons in a lodge known as Mt. Lebanon, No. 2, of Grafton. These citizens paid their money under the impression that they were gaining entrance into regular Masonry. Later, after inquiry, they found that they had been duped. There is no regular Masonic lodge in Grafton under the name of Mt. Lebanon, No. 2.

Attention was called to the activities of these men some time ago. From time to time irregular and so-called Masonic bodies are started and innocent persons are deprived of their money under the impression that they are being made members of regular Masonry. One is never solicited to become a member of a regular Masonic lodge. Before petitioning a Masonic body it should be ascertained whether or not it is recognized by the regular grand lodge of the state.

BRIGGS HEADS TEMPLARS

Frederick Huntington Briggs of Boston was elected grand commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the appendant orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island at the 127th annual conclave held in the Masonic temple on Boylston street, Boston, recently. Every one of the 53 commanderies in the organization was represented.

Others elected and appointed were Benjamin F. Downing of Newport, R. I., deputy grand commander; George L. Dodd of Wrentham, grand generalissimo; William S. Hamilton, Williams-town, captain-general; William Emerson, Brockton, treasurer; Martin J. Pleschinger of Chelsea, recorder; the Rev. Francis W. Gibbs, Fitchburg, grand prelate; the Rev. Dudley H. Ferrell, Dr. Clarence O. Barbour, president of Brown University; the Rev. Percy T. Edrop, Springfield, associate prelates; Arthur S. Vaughn, Prov-

dence, senior warden; Charles W. Howard, warden; Harold W. Sprague, Brockton, junior warden; Harry P. McAllister, Worcester, standard bearer; Forrest A. Bliss, Fitchburg, sword bearer; Charles T. Converse, Springfield, captain of the guard; Charles M. Pear, Cambridge, sentinel; Frederick I. Dana, Providence, inspector-instructor; George T. Everett, West Somerville, Adelbert E. Place, Providence, William A. Graham, Waltham, Harrison Hyslop, division commander.

Past Grand Commanders Harry G. Pollard of Lowell and James A. Gunn of Turners Falls, were the installing officers.

The inspecting officer was Sir Paul Pontius of Philadelphia, personal representative of the grand master of the grand encampment of the United States.

EXPENDED ON MASONIC HOME

The Illinois Masonic Home spent over \$140,000 during the past year for local expenses and improvements, it was reported by Supt. A. E. McCowie to the Finance Committee. Of the amount spent by the home at Sullivan \$40,000 was for local improvements, including the new water system and the drainage of the grounds.

At the meeting of the grand lodge held there recently, the chairman of the committee on finance reported the net worth of the grand lodge as \$2,294,528.41. Of this \$665,100 is invested in interest-bearing securities and \$366,554.81 is in cash in the various funds. The book value of buildings and equipment owned by the grand lodge is \$1,254,969.85, and the inventory value of supplies, etc., \$7,903.75.

OHIO GAINS

At the 121st annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was held recently, the report of the grand secretary showed a membership of 209,707, a net gain of 2,987 over last year.

The session was one of the most interesting and largest attended in some years. Approximately 1,300 delegates were present. Harry G. Gram, of Springfield, was elected grand master for the coming year, and Springfield was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting of the grand lodge. An amendment to the by-laws proposed last year, providing for increased funds for the Ohio Masonic Home, was passed.

The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Masonic Veteran Association of Ohio was held during the meeting of the grand lodge. The association consists of Masons who have been mem-

bers of the order 21 or more years. It and meets annually with the grand has a total membership of over 2,000, lodge. Thirty-nine petitioners were elected at this meeting.

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MASONIC BOAT

An important life-saving service was performed recently by the motor life-boat, "Duke of Connaught," stationed at Peterhead, according to *The Freemason's Chronicle*, London, England. This lifeboat, which was the gift of the Freemasons of England, rescued 31 persons from the S. S. "City of Osake," which stranded in thick weather about one mile south of Whinnyfold. She was a steamer of 6,000 tons, with 72 persons aboard. The remainder were rescued by life-saving apparatus.

Rewards have been granted for the rescue from shipwreck of 257 lives this year, and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution can now point to the fact that the total number of lives rescued since its foundation in 1825 is 62,379.

ILLINOIS G. L. AND

FOREIGN BODIES

The grand lodge of Masons in Illinois has always maintained a strict policy in regard to the recognition of foreign grand lodges, and has not extended fraternal relations to a foreign grand lodge for many years. In a number of cases the Grand Lodge of Illinois is not in fraternal relation with grand lodges that are recognized by a number of the grand lodges in this country.

As a possible step towards a more lenient policy, a committee was appointed at the last meeting of the grand lodge of Illinois, at the recommendation of Grand Master Edward C. Muller, to make a thorough investigation of the subject and report its findings at the next annual meeting of the grand lodge.

GRAND MASTER

URGES SUPPORT

Support of the public schools on the part of all Masons was urged by Grand Master Charles M. Wollenberg, at a recent communication of the Grand Lodge of California. The grand master gave a short history of the public schools, and the Public Schools Week sponsored by the Masons of this state as follows:

"One hundred and thirty years ago there existed in this country of ours a number of schools, but with one exception all were connected with various religious denominations, and but 3 per cent of our population was afforded an opportunity for education, and this not free.

"The leaders in this republic fol-

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realized that if it was to continue, it would be necessary to establish a system of free education through public schools, where distrust and intolerance would be removed from the minds of the future citizens of our land, by intimate contact in the school yard and the school room.

"The result of this was the establishment of our Public Schools System; one in which Masonry had a large part in bringing into being.

"The various denominations that maintained private schools in connection with their churches in 1800, for the most part accepted the public school system, at least in the elementary and secondary grades. One great religion only maintains a system of sectarian schools, and the head of that religion has lately issued an encyclical pointing out that the 'Education of the young is a matter for the Church; the right of the parent therein is secondary and the state has no right at all.' If such a theory were to prevail in our country a most dangerous condition would arise. No longer would we have harmony, toleration and democracy.

And so I commend to you the idea of a Public Schools Week, the creation of Past Grand Master Adams some ten years ago, and give it to you in charge as Masons individually, to display your interest in the Public Schools System, not only in the one week set aside for this observance, but throughout the fifty-two weeks of the year, thus displaying your good citizenship."

The Committee of the grand lodge on the Eleventh Annual Observance of Public Schools Week reported that it was one of the most successful ever held, the Masonic and civic organizations in the state displaying a great deal of interest and working in perfect harmony.

SCOTTISH RITE TO DEDICATE

The new Scottish Rite Temple which has been completed recently in Kansas City, Mo., will be dedicated December 2, according to a recent announcement. Grand Commander John H. Cowles, assisted by Joseph S. McIntyre of St. Louis, inspector general in Missouri of southern supreme council, will officiate at the ceremonies, after which William R. Gentry, grand master of grand of Missouri, will dedicate to symbolic Masonry that part of the temple which is to be used by the blue lodges. Masonic leaders from all sections of the country are expected to attend. Shortly after the dedication, December 3, 4, 5 and 6, the 89th reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies here will be held, and a class of nearly 500 will receive the degrees in the new temple.

The design of the new temple fol-

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lows that of the House of the Temple, Washington, D. C., which was based on that of the ancient Mausoleum at Halicarnassus in Caria, now a part of Asia Minor, built to house the mortal remains of King Mausolus, by his widow, Artemesia. Much of the decoration on the main cornice has been duplicated in this modern temple, but the figures of warriors in the frieze were not copied, Masonic symbols, including the double-headed eagle, supplanting them. The columns at the front and sides of the new temple number 32, representing the Scottish Rite degrees.

William Fitzhugh Buckner, born in Virginia in 1928, and now residing at Paris, Mo., is claimed to be the oldest Mason in the United States, both in years and in Masonic service, at least the Missouri Committee on Necrology so says. More than 102 years old; more than 96 years a resident of Monroe County, Mo.; and more than 80 years a member of Paris Union Lodge, is a record that could not be easily equalled.

MASTERS OF 22 LODGES

A Masonic meeting of unusual interest was that of Independence Lodge No. 80, Milwaukee, Wis., held on Friday, October 31, which masters of the 22 Masonic lodges in the county attended and participated in conferring the Master Mason degree on one candidate. It is said that this was not the first time in the history of Masonry in Milwaukee County that all of the masters of the county had met with one lodge and participated in the degree work.

The meeting was held in the Scottish Rite Temple, and a capacity crowd was in attendance, several officers of the grand lodge being present.

FARM DEVISED FOR HOME

Newburgh, N. Y.—A large farm, situated in Orange and Ulster counties, assessed at \$500,000, and formerly the property of the late John G. Borden, founder of the Borden Farm Products Company, was bequeathed to the Masonic Order of New York State, to be maintained by the Masonic Home of Utica, by the will of Marion Borden, who died recently. Most of Miss Borden's estate, reported at something over \$1,000,000, goes to charity. Among



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other bequests in the will are National Council of Girl Scouts, \$100,000; St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh, \$25,000; Kingston City Hospital, \$10,000; Newburgh Young Women's Christian Association and Kingston Y. W. C. A., each \$10,000; National Organization of Salvation Army, \$100,000, and the board of education of Shawangunk, \$30,000. There were several other bequests to relatives and charitable organizations. In addition to the farm, the residue estate was bequeathed to the Masonic order.

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GRAND LODGE NOTES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTER OF MASSACHUSETTS

The grand master returned on August 5 from his trip around the world in the interests of Freemasonry.

He traveled 15,000 miles by land, 2,700 miles by air and 17,300 miles by water, and visited 14 grand jurisdictions or their subdivisions.

Much valuable information was gained and many profitable contacts made with Masonry around the world.

The various departments of the grand lodge made a net saving of \$15,000 during our last fiscal year from the amounts authorized in the budget.

The 1930-1931 budget provides for an average of 15 more residents in the home; an average of 15 more patients in the hospital; \$5,000 more for the relief of lodges; \$12,500 for the George Washington Memorial; and in spite of these increases is \$5,000 less than last year's total.

The \$2.00 of the grand lodge dues of each member is approximately budgeted as follows:

Masonic Home	\$0.92
Masonic Hospital	.51
Assistance to lodges	.35
Allowance to residents	.02
Service department	.12
Educational department	.08
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	\$2.00

The barn at the Masonic Home was burned to the ground on Sept. 27th, cause, spontaneous combustion of the hay.

We received the full insurance of \$61,000; contracts were let for a new fireproof barn which will be completed in November at a cost of approximately the amount of the insurance.

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At present we have 144 in the home and 37 in the hospital.

Juniper Hall fund amounts to \$165,000—we still need \$35,000.

Less than 30 lodges in the state do not belong to lodges of instruction. Candidates and members are becoming more and more enthusiastic regarding the benefits received.

Lodges of instruction will soon be in operation in Shanghai and Peking, in our China district.

During August, cases were handled requiring contacts with California, Washington, D. C., Canada, Virginia, and Florida.

To find positions for our brethren who need employment is a problem. To accomplish satisfactory results we need the help and co-operation of every Mason in Massachusetts.

Should you know of a vacant position, remember that one of your brothers may be waiting for just such an opening, and notify your lodge representative or zone manager at once, thus helping your less fortunate brother to become self supporting and self respecting.

More and more lodges are changing their by-laws so as to make their funds more liquid and available in case of need.

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The finance committee is always glad to advise and assist lodges in these cases.

Reports of the service bureau from two zones outside of the Metropolitan district show over 1,000 cases handled satisfactorily.

During the past three months 1,163 applicants have called at the temple for service of some kind.

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GRAND LODGE ASSESSMENTS

The resolution submitted to the last quarterly communication of the United Grand Lodge of England by the Board of General Purposes to the effect that each Masonic lodge under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge should be assessed so much per member for benevolent purposes was unanimously passed according to reports recently received of this communication. The amount of the assessment was not fixed in the resolution but it is proposed that it be three shillings per member and a resolution to this effect will be introduced at the next quarterly communication. Heretofore, the grand lodge has depended entirely upon contributions to carry on the work of the Masonic Benevolent Institutions in England.

The thanks of the grand lodge have been conveyed to Queen Mary for the Eighteenth Century ivory box engraved with Masonic emblems which she presented to the grand lodge library and museum as further proof of Royal recognition of the Craft, which has been so frequently and strikingly displayed for two hundred years.

The report that forty-three warrants had been granted to new lodges since the last quarterly communication was verified. From this it appears that the fraternity is continuing to grow in England in spite of the universal period of financial depression.

There was also printed in the proceedings a list of over fifty presentations, consisting of historical Masonic literature, paintings and other objects of interest, that have been made to the grand lodge library and museum.

RECORDS OF THE MARINES

In the archives of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania is a leather-bound ledger and on its pages are inscribed the names of the first company of marines who answered the call to the colors in the days of the Revolution. This same ledger is one that was first

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used by Masons more than two centuries ago.

Long before the colonies separated from the mother country, the Masons held their meetings in the old Tun Tavern, on the Delaware waterfront, and the minutes of their lodge are recorded in the old book as early as 1749 and for some years thereafter.

The Continental Congress authorized the formation of two battalions of marines on November 1, 1775. The ma-

rines made their rendezvous at the Tun Tavern, and the thrifty Captain Mullan, who headed the first company of sea soldiers, used the book which had been discarded by the Masons, for his muster roll and payroll.

CANADA

At the recent meeting of the supreme Council, Scottish Rite of Canada, recognition was extended to the supreme councils of Austria and Roumania.

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During an eight months' period, 1,108 persons applied to the organization for positions, but only 242 of them were placed, despite the fact that the Employment Aid specializes in this activity. No applicants were found jobs with large employers, it was stated. Some of the latter proposed to help the organization but found it impractical to do so. The report continued:

"Often the older worker, although unfit for the work he did in earlier days, is still perfectly capable of becoming a useful employee at some other job, at which he may maintain his independence indefinitely. What is needed is a recognition of the facts, followed in some cases by training for a new job, and aid in securing work fitted to the changed capacity....

"The present trend is toward the formation of large industrial combinations and the merging or giving up of smaller ones, with grave results to the older worker."

HOME PAYS OFF ALL DEBT

At a meeting of the Minnesota Masonic Home Board held recently, money was paid to retire all outstanding bonds and the board received from the Minnesota Loan and Trust Company a satisfaction of the trust deed.

In 1926, ten-year bonds totaling \$250,000 were issued by the board and the money was made available on September 1 of that year, the issue to be paid off at the rate of \$25,000 a year, semi-annually, first payment due on October 1, 1927.

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G. M. CONFERS DEGREE ON SON

A large number of visitors attended a recent meeting of Hermon Masonic Lodge No. 273, of Grinnell, Iowa, to witness Grand Master Gannaway of the Grand Lodge of Iowa raise his son to the degree of Master Mason. During the ceremonies a number of the stations were filled by grand lodge officers.

Another item that made the ceremony even more interesting was the fact that the complete set of working tools, which was used for the first time on this occasion, was presented by William Day, now of Ashland, Ore., but for thirty years secretary of Hermon Lodge. These were made from myrtle wood.

NEW BRUNSWICK

At the Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick (Canada) held recently, a membership of 6,058, with assets amounting to considerably over \$67,000, was announced.

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SIR ALFRED ROBBINS' HEALTH

It is reported that Sir Alfred Robbins, president of the board of general purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, is finding it necessary to curtail some of his many Masonic activities on account of his health. Sir Alfred Robbins has been one of the most active workers in the fraternity in England for many years.

In the will left by N. H. Hawk, who died recently, the Chadwick Masonic Lodge, Chadwick, Ill., was given \$1,000.

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ALL SORTS

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WOOING THE MUSE

A school teacher had found her class of boys reluctant in their writing of English compositions. At last she conceived a great idea to stimulate their interest—to write an account of a ball game.

It seemed that she was successful. With one exception, the boys threw themselves at the task and evolved youthful masterpieces. The backward one chewed reluctantly at his pen and was then struck by a burst of genius. When the teacher opened his paper, it read:

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"I couldn't tell that. I listened as hard as I could, but they used such big words I couldn't remember much of it. All I could catch was when one doctor said, 'Well, we'll find that out at the autopsy'."

RELATIVITY DOES IT

Miss Beulah Blank, a Batesville belle of twenty summers, is visiting her twin brother, age thirty-two.

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Julio: "Sure. Mother is packing it for me now."

SOME OF THE RUBBISH

Mrs. Knagg—How did you find your husband when you returned from your vacation last summer?

Mrs. Legge—Oh, I stumbled over him while cleaning up the cellar.

A FLYING YARN

Two colored gentlemen who had just reduce dthe population of the farmer's hen house were making a getaway.

"Laws, Mose," gasped Sam, "why you spose dem flies follow us so very close?"

"Keep galloping, nigger," said Mose. "Them ain't flies. Them's buckshot."

DOUBT

Small boy: "Is it true that I am descended from a monkey?"

Man: "Don't know, young man—I did not know your father's people."

VICTIM OF ERROR

Minister (calling on inmate of prison)—"Remember, that stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."

"Well, they've got me hypnotized then; that's all."

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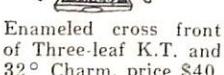
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